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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title with the following title:

SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY CARD, ~~AND ACCESSING~~ ACCESS DEVICE AND
METHOD

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 19
and ending at line 22 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 6 is an~~ Figs. 6A-6B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing
an example of an access timing of the semiconductor memory card
using the two flash memories in accordance with the first
embodiment of the present invention.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 12
and ending at line 15 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 11 is an~~ Figs. 11A-11B are explanation ~~view~~ views
showing an example of access condition and access rate values in
the first method in accordance with the first embodiment of the
present invention.

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Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 23 and ending at page 10, line 1 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 14 is an~~ Figs. 14A-14B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of access condition and access rate values in the second method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 16 and ending at line 19 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 19 is an~~ Figs. 19A-19B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of the level determination reference of rate performance in a fifth method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

Please substitute the paragraphs beginning on page 11, line 6 and ending at line 14 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 23 is an~~ Figs. 23A-23B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of the access performance basic information

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list in the seventh method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

~~Fig. 24 is an~~ Figs. 24A-24B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of access timing between the access device and semiconductor memory card in reading process, writing process and erasing process in the seventh method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

Please substitute the paragraphs beginning on page 11, line 20 and ending at page 12, line 6 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 26 is an~~ Figs. 26A-26B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of an access performance table using data size which can be processed per unit time in an eighth method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

~~Fig. 27 is an~~ Figs. 27A-27B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of the access performance table using required time for data process of a unit size in the eighth method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

~~Fig. 28 is an~~ Figs. 28A-28B are explanation ~~view~~ views showing an example of the access performance table in the eighth

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method in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention.

Please substitute the paragraphs beginning on page 12, line 23 and ending at page 13, line 3 to read as follows:

~~Fig. 34 is an~~ Figs. 34A-34C are explanation view views
showing a state before data writing of the FAT file system in accordance with the second embodiment of the present invention.

~~Fig. 35 is an~~ Figs. 35A-35C are explanation view views
showing a state after data writing of the FAT file system in accordance with the second embodiment of the present invention.

Please substitute the paragraphs beginning on page 69, line 5 and ending at line 19 to read as follows:

As a first method, a method of formatting the file system in consideration with the FS access unit will be described. Fig. 37 shows a configuration example in the case where the file system is formatted in consideration with the FS access unit. Here, the FS access unit is set as 128 KB so as to have a length of multiples of the cluster size. Here, 1 cluster is set as 16 KB.

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In Fig. 37, the management information area 3001 consists of the MBRPT 3003, PBS 3004, FAT 3005, 3006 and RDE 3007. In this embodiment, the size of the management information area 3001 is adjusted so as to be set to have a length of M times larger than the FS access unit (M is an integer). Here, as shown in the figure, the management information area 3001 uses 512 sectors (S) over two FS access units ~~FSAU-0 and FSAU-1~~ FSAU-S0 and FSAU-S1.